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IN THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION:

On page 11 of the substitute specification, paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The first annular valve seat 36 including outlet 32 has a cylindrical surface 81 that is co-axial with axis 51. Seat 36 has an outer diameter that corresponds to the inner diameter 42 of the cylindrical switching chamber 35. In addition, the first annular valve seat 36 has a contact surface 82 that is perpendicular to the cylindrical surface 81. Surface 82 continues radially outward to form the ring flange 38 of valve seat 36 that has an outer ring 39 on the outer edge. The first annular valve seat 36 is received by the contact ring 41 of the valve body 21 in a force fit and positive fit. The valve seat 36 also has first and second segments respectively including frusto-conical surfaces 80 and 84 which are coaxial and displaced along axis 51. Each of surfaces 80 and 84 has a constant slope that extends along a straight line away from outlet port 32 and axis 51 by an angle; the angle between axis 51 and surface 80 is indicated by reference number 83. Surfaces 80 and 84 together have a length in the direction of axis 51 that is slightly less than the length of valve seat 36, indicated by reference numeral 85. The radii of the end of surface 80 farthest from port 32 and the end of surface 84 closest to port 32 differ slightly from each other by virtue of the radius of the end of surface 80 farthest from port 32 being slightly less than the

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radius of the end of surface 84 closest to port 32. These end surfaces are substantially aligned in the direction of axis 51. The spacing between surfaces 80 and 84 in the radial direction at right angles to axis 51 thus has a step or nose-shaped projection 86 that forms annular sealing lip 87. Lip 87 forms a sealing surface with the periphery of sealing element 45 when the sealing element is translated from the first position thereof illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 to the initial contact of the element with lip 87.